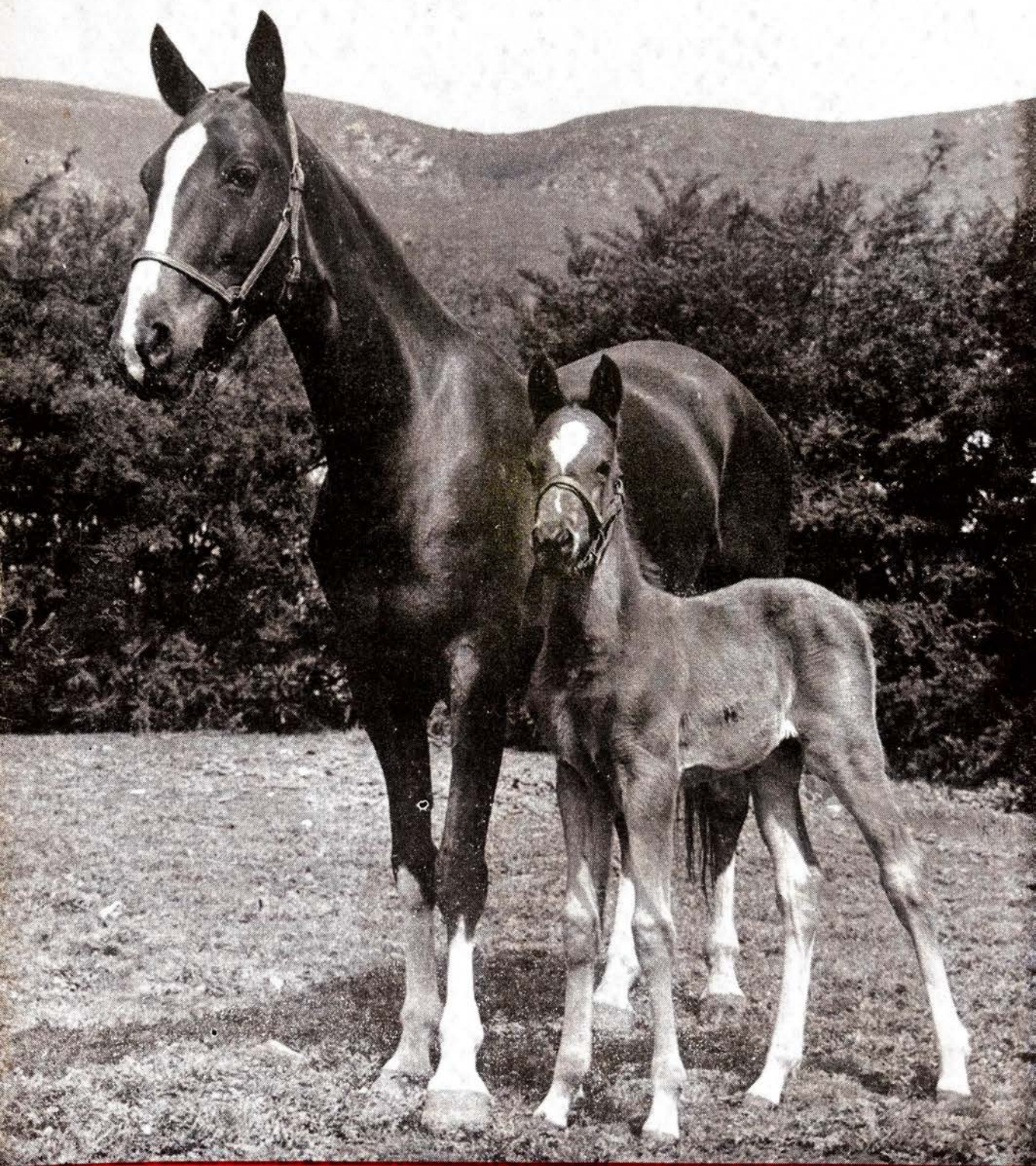




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Editorial

THANK YOU, MR. ZWIERLEIN

Metropolitan Horsemen's Association,
 Oakland, California.

Your Regional Vice-President, Fred Anderson, while attending the directors' meeting of the California Horsemen's Association in Los Angeles recently, told at great length of the objectives of your organization and the grand leadership your group has been able to attract each year.

From a small beginning to a membership of over 900 spells success in any organization and your members may be interested to know yours is the largest group affiliated with the California State Horsemen's Association.

May I compliment the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association for the splendid magazine you put out each month?

In visiting the many regions and individual horse groups of the C.S.H.A. it has been apparent the successful clubs are those publishing some sort of a bulletin or magazine, to keep the membership informed as to coming events, and reporting on events that have taken place. One hundred percent attendance at the meetings is an impossibility during these busy times so the only means of informing the membership is through your periodical. I am sure at times your editorial staff would like to lump it, due to the tremendous amount of detailed work. You can help them by sending in news.

I also observe your program and objectives are quite varied with breakfast rides, trail rides, horse shows, gymkhanas, social functions, etc. Surely this should please the entire membership.

With the horse population growing, and with more people coming to California each year, horses are being pushed farther into the country due to new subdivisions being built. Make every effort to establish feeder trails to join the California State Riding and Hiking Trail. The Metropolitan Horsemen's Association has been very active in this regard and may I urge your committee to continue its good work?

Looking forward to meeting many of your members at your June horse show, and with kindest wishes for a successful year, I am

Sincerely yours,

ED. ZWIERLEIN,
 President, C.S.H.A.

OUR COVER

A sure sign of Spring!

With many members of the Metropolitan Horsemen's association going in for higher breeding, it is with a great deal of pride that we bring you this month a picture of Mrs. Bea McKechnie's saddlebred horse, Rhythm's Juanita and her new filly, Rhythm's Golden Genius. The colt, but three weeks old when this picture was taken, is undoubtedly one of the finest as far as breeding in the entire state.

Rhythm, mother of the colt, is now five years of age and has been owned by Mrs. McKechnie for over three years. Originally bred at Mrs. L. D. Lockwood's estate, in Menlo Park, her father was the great show horse, San Juan, and her mother, Rhythm Girl, and also a fine showhorse, was formerly owned by the late Carole Lombard.

Sire of the filly was Doc Sheridan's very fine horse, Thames' Golden Genius by King's Genius by Bourbon King. According to her proud owner, the colt has already been nominated for the Futurity and will no doubt follow in the footsteps of her mother, who has won ribbons in practically every show in which she has been entered.

Secretary's Mail Bag

From now until the end of the year invitations will be sent to me to relay on to the Metropolitan members, and the only means of reaching you is through this column. So, please watch this space for announcements of coming shows, rodeos, parades, centennial celebrations and our own M.H.A. affairs.

Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1 are dates for the First Annual Spring Hunter Trials and Race Meet to be held at the Concord-Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association grounds in Concord. This is to be a benefit for the Clayton Valley Youth Center. Entry blanks may be obtained from the Secretary.

Sunday, May 1, will mark the May Day celebration in Los Banos, in conjunction with Merced County Spring Fair and Live-stock Show. Big parade and picnic barbecue to be featured.

East Contra Costa Horsemen's Association will hold a drawing April 23 for a refrigerator and deep freeze unit — tickets \$1.00 each. These may be secured from the Secretary.

Don't neglect to send in your change of address if you move and thus insure receiving the "Blazer". Thanks to you members, the mailing list has been in good shape with very few complaints during the past few months.

Thank you,

Mary Gale, Secretary.

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M. H. A. Activities

WESTERN DANCE SET FOR APRIL 23

Scheduled as the next social function of the season for members of the M.H.A. and their friends is the Western dance to be held Saturday, April 23, at the Tourist club, 3115 Butters Drive.

The party not only promises to be a lot of fun for all attending, but it will be a good way to help your association as all proceeds above expenses will be turned over to the trail fund, according to Clarence Simons, activities chairman.

Getting underway at 8 p.m. the program calls for dancing to the music of the Rhythm Boys, interspersed with several feature events. Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed cowboy and the best dressed cow-girl, and there will also be door prizes. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets are \$1.25 each, including tax, and may be obtained from Mr. Simons and members of his committee including Frank Kelly, 3275 Lakeshore avenue; Heber Brown, Bill Pray and Charles Gray, the latter at the La Salle Avenue Market, in Montclair. Tickets are also available from Jim Myers, president of M. H. A.; at the Broadway Sporting Goods store, 2087 Broadway and at all of the stables.

"When we get the dance out of the way, then we will make plans for the trail ride on May 15", said Mr. Simons as he expressed the hope that at least 400 tickets will be sold for the dance.

HORSE SHOW BOARD BUSY WITH PLANS

Plans are already going forward to make our seventh annual M.H.A. Horse Show on June 25 and 26, one of the best yet. Seven members of the Metropolitan Horsemen's executive board have been appointed as members of the 1949 Horse Show Board of Directors, under the chairmanship of George Walling, who will act as managing director of the show.

Those appointed and their duties are: Ted Dreyer, tickets; Jim Myers, publicity; Bill Pray, finance; Don Schwimley, classes and events; Charles Gray, program; Heber James Brown, grounds; and Clarence Simons, trophies and ribbons.

Blanche Paul, who handled all newspaper publicity for the show last year, has again been appointed to the job.

At the first meeting of the horse show board it was decided to hold a trophy and ribbon show again this year with the exception of bucking horse and calf roping events. A perpetual Past-Presidents trophy will be one of the most coveted prizes. From year to year, it will revolve among the various classes, so all will have a chance to win it.

Horse show headquarters will be set up at Mr. Walling's office, 2713 San Pablo avenue, Oakland. Many workers will be needed on the various committees to make our show a real success. If you are willing to serve on a committee, please contact Mr. Walling or any member of the horse show board. They will appreciate your cooperation.

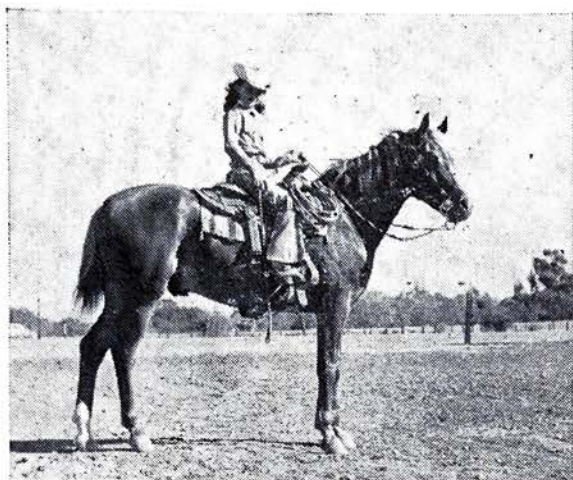
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Pat Rukavina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rukavina, is 9 years old and a student in the high fourth grade at Redwood Heights school.

A member of the M. H. A. Juniors, Pat has been riding in horse shows since she was 3 and already has won 65 ribbons, mostly blues, and 50 trophies. She is shown riding Western, on Chip, a pretty chestnut gelding with light mane and tail. At the present time, however, she is learning English riding, from Norma Burton, on Orchard's Champ, also a chestnut gelding.

Pat gets her love for horses honestly, her mother, Margaret Rukavina, being captain of the Lari-ettes, and her father is foreman of the Shrine Rangers horses. Her grandmother, Mrs. Peg Talstrom is also a member of the Lari-ettes.

Memberships To Be Sent to Bill Pray

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JUNIORS PLAN TRAIL RIDE FOR APRIL 2

Entering into a year that bears promise of being the most successful ever held, the M.H.A. Juniors are now preparing for a trail ride on April 2.

The group will meet at 10 a.m. at the crossroads, and the ride will terminate in Redwood Regional park where lunch will be enjoyed. Each member is requested to bring a sack lunch. Field games will be enjoyed during the afternoon.

Mrs. Kay Walling, junior chairman, is anxious to have volunteers among the adult members of the M.H.A. to chaperone the ride and will appreciate hearing from anyone willing to make the trip. Mrs. Margaret Rukavina, captain of the Lari-ettes will serve as one of the chaperones and more are needed.

Junior members are urged to invite prospective members.

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Junior Activities

JUNIORS HOLD GALA GET ACQUAINTED PARTY

They termed it a "get acquainted" party and that was just what it turned out to be, according to the approximately 65 juniors present.

The affair was the first of the year for the M.H.A. Juniors and was planned by Mrs. Kay Walling and officers of the junior group for Saturday evening, March 19 at Sequoia lodge.

Utilizing green and white as the color motif, the lodge was appropriately decorated for the St. Patrick's season, and the evening was spent in games and dancing.

Chaperones were Dolly Nielsen, Onalee Phillips, and Marilyn Smith with others assisting Mrs. Walling including Mr. Walling who helped in transporting the youngsters to the lodge; Joe Sousa who showed up to give a most welcome hand; Donald Dreyer and Heber Brown, Jr., who assisted with the refreshments and several parents of the young folks.

From the young people themselves, the unanimous report of the party seemed to be put in one question, "When can we have another party?"

Refreshments were donated by the members and by several members of the M.H.A. senior group.

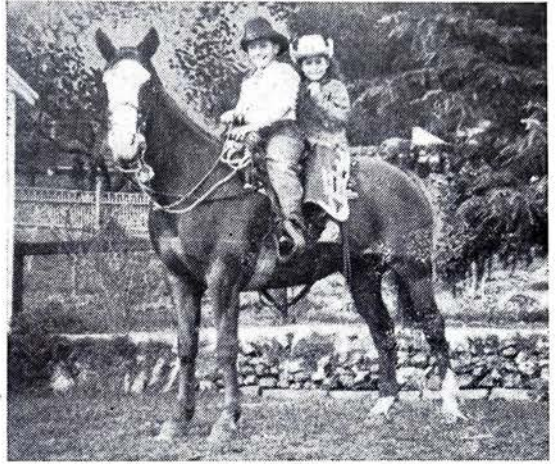
YOUNGER SET TO HAVE EASTER EGG HUNT

Younger members of the M.H.A. Juniors will have their day on Easter Sunday when they will gather at 4117 Rifle Road, the home of Mrs. Meredith Burgess, for an Easter egg hunt.

The children, which will include those up to 13 years of age, will gather at 1 o'clock for the hunt. Refreshments will be served later in the afternoon.

Teen age members of the M.H.A. Juniors will hide the eggs earlier in the day, according to Mrs. Kay Walling, junior chairman. Parents of the younger children are invited to be present for the afternoon of fun.

SECRETARY WANTED—The manager of 1949 Horse Show is desirous of obtaining the services of a volunteer secretary for the show season. Dictation and short hand are essential. The work will be part time—and as show time nears a great deal of it will be evening work. Anyone qualifying and wanting to be in on everything from the start is invited to contact the editor of the Blazer—Call OL. 2-6783.



Harlene and Barton Heller are shown above on their horse, Bonanza. Enthusiastic members of the M.H.A. Juniors, this brother and sister team, have taken many ribbons at the various shows in the last three years.

Among his cherished possessions, Barton has ribbons denoting first at Santa Cruz, in horsemanship, and first in stock horse class and trail class and a second in horsemanship from Santa Rosa. Harlene is following in his footsteps and already has won several second and third ribbons. Both are busy getting their stock horses ready for the 1949 shows.

Harlene and Barton make their home with Mr. and Mrs. Russ Burgess, 4117 Rifle Lane.

M.H.A. JUNIORS HOLD REGULAR MEETING

At the regular monthly meeting of the M.H.A. Juniors held March 12 at the Pinto clubhouse, plans were discussed to form a parade group, with more details and an instructor to be announced in the near future.

The Juniors are already busy on plans for the California state horsemen's competition and it is planned that instructors in both English and Western riding will be obtained.

The next regular meeting will be held Saturday, April 9, at the same place, with a special invitation to parents of the Juniors and any interested adult to be present to assist in the program.

Membership News

MOTT OUTLINES HORSE ARENA PROGRAM

A master plan for the horse show arena, in Joaquin Miller park, calling for completion of the actual field work now under construction and the details to be worked out for the future, were outlined by William Penn Mott, Jr., of the Oakland park department, as the highlight of the first Open Forum of the year, held March 3.

"This year our plans are based on funds now available in this fiscal year, which ends June 30," said Mr. Mott. "We contemplate doing all we can before time for the M.H.A. horse show in June."

Grading Now Underway

"In time we hope to make this arena one of the finest of its kind in the country. The actual field work will be completed prior to the show, and this will include road and highway improvements. We are now working on the cross sections and hope to have them completed by the end of May. We are establishing and roughing out parking units and water lines, have set aside funds for grading of the actual arena, and for fencing or guard rails, and we have established drainage. This is about all that can be accomplished this year.

"Our master plan will be submitted to the committee from the M.H.A.," continued the speaker. "This will be for review, study and for recommendations. On approval we will continue with the project and each step from now on will go towards completion of this master plan.

"We plan fireplaces and picnic facilities for 8,000 people by 1950, with the whole section complete with water and ample toilet facilities.

Complete Trail System

"In connection with the trails we are now completing a topography of the area below the theatre and when this is completed plan to lay out a complete trail system through Joaquin Miller park. We hope for a permanent set of trails and plan to make maps setting out the time of the circuit, points to visit and the names of the various trails.

"By 1950 or 1951 we hope to construct a custodian's residence and at least one of the barn units. The board feels that the development of this park is the most important objective for people demanding park facilities.

"We plan to put up a good argument for the outlay of funds and need the support of the M.H.A. and other similar organizations to support us in this. Regardless of funds we expect to push on with this project. How fast it goes will depend on the amount of money we will have at our disposal.

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MARDI GRAS FILMS TO BE SHOWN AT REGIONAL MEET

Highlighting the next regional meeting, scheduled for May 6, will be motion pictures of the Contra Costa county sheriff's posse as it participated in the recent festivities at the Mardi Gras, in New Orleans.

This was announced by Fred Anderson, vice-president of Region 5, who also made known other plans for the second regular meeting.

The meeting, which will get underway at 7:00 p.m. will be held at the Richmond Golf club on the Giant road, north of San Pablo avenue. Clubs sponsoring the affair include the Contra Costa Rangers, the Berkeley Hills Riding club, the Contra Costa Sheriff's posse, the Richmond Elks' Mounted patrol, a new club in the region, and the Sobrante Riders' club.

Leo Armstrong is serving as chairman. Guests present will include Ed Zwierlein, president of the California State Horsemen's association; Ray Stone, executive secretary; Fred E. Anderson, vice-president of region 5; Contra Costa city and county officers and other horse celebrities and representatives of horsemen's activities.

Members are urged to set this date aside and to attend, if possible, wearing association uniforms and club costumes or riding clothes.

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THROUGH THE OPEN GATE

To the Editor:

May I make a few comments concerning the pictorial section that appeared in the March issue. I like this idea tremendously and I hope that you keep it up. However, I think the contribution of the pictures should defray the expense of having them made. I understand it does not cost a great deal for the smaller pictures and it would give people an opportunity to make the Trail Blazer partly theirs. Its strange the reaction one has in seeing one's own family in picture! Nevertheless, its one way to make friends as well as to become better acquainted with our fellow horsemen. You know, when we attend the meetings we don't know the kind of horses our fellow members own or ride. Even though we meet others on the trails and at horse shows it's still nice to see a good picture of their horses.

Next about the Juniors. I'm so glad that Kay Walling is the chairman. She has a friendly way with youngsters and I think she'll be a great help. May I suggest one thing? Why not invite the adults to drop in to the meetings occasionally? I stopped at the first one, as a visitor only, and enjoyed it very much. You know there are plenty of members that can add a helping hand when they see what is needed. No doubt Kay will have adults come to talk on various things, but I am suggesting this in the role of a visitor only.

Now about the rent riders situation. Everyone, I know has been sick about the death of that child a few weeks ago. My feeling is that it would have been averted had we had an educational program for the rent stables, or a set of rules for them to abide by, such as small saddles for children. Children must wear boots. Horses that have not been exercised that same day cannot be rented to children, during cold weather especially.


These are just a few ideas that I had in mind. I also feel that we should have many more patrols. Why can't M.H.A. members be deputized and take turns patrolling on week-ends, both men and women? We must stop this racing and poor riding. I seldom go out on the week-ends, but when I do I always see something on the trails that makes me either heart sick or furious. Only a few weeks ago I saw a young man beating his horse with a three foot board. This must be stopped and I feel the best way is to work through the stables.

These are just a few ideas. I'm glad that we have a department in the Trail Blazer where we can at least make suggestions to our members.

—Onalee Phillips.

Editor's Note: Thank you so very much for such a constructive communication. We, too, hope that we can continue our pictorial section and invite anyone having pictures that they wish to see in print to contact us. The cost is very nominal and we feel the section adds much to our magazine.

As for the adults being welcome at the junior meetings, we have discussed the matter with Mrs. Walling and learned she is very anxious that parents as well as other interested adults drop in at any of the meetings. In fact she needs help badly in planning the year's activities and is especially desirous of having volunteer help in chaperoning the various trail rides and other events that are coming up in the near future.



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With the Lari-ettes

Shure, and it was a grand and glorious dance that the Lari-ettes put on in honor of St. Patrick, and anyone missing out on the fun had better start planning on being there next year.

Held at the Round Up tavern on Redwood road, Friday night, March 19 the affair drew a record attendance with Jim Myers, of the M.H.A. and Mrs. Meyers as well as several members of the board of directors among the merrymakers. Representatives from several other riding clubs in the community were also among those present. Included were groups from Hayward, Sacramento, the Buckaroos, Boots and Jeans, the Shrine Rangers and the Alameda county sheriff's posse as well as several from San Mateo.

Dancing was to music by the Rhythm Boys and there was entertainment and door prizes.

Sunday, March 20, the Lari-ettes participated in the annual St. Patrick's day parade in San Francisco where they appeared for the first time in their colorful new chartreuse shirts. Fifteen of the group rode in the parade and were given an enviable position immediately following the sheriff's posse and the Shrine Rangers.

The show season has already started for some of the girls with Norma Burton, on Idiot's Delight, capturing first place in the hunters' class at the International show and rodeo, in Oakland. She received a very nice trophy. Joanne Munsen, riding her quarter horse mare, Cindy Lou, captured first in the Western pleasure class at the same show. Margaret Rukavina, captain of the Lari-ettes, rode out the final night to receive a trophy for the groups' part in the grand entry on the first night of the show.

Alberta Weisgerber is back from her trip to New Orleans where she attended the Mardi Gras and it is expected that she will have lots to tell us at the next meeting.

Ruby Welch, member of the group, is reported as suffering from a siege of virus pneumonia. Hurry up and get well, Ruby. We miss you.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Posse

The Alameda County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, under the command of Captain Art Palmer, and with the assistance of Officer of the Day, Deputy O'Stern, took part in the annual St. Patrick's day parade in San Francisco, March 20. Adding a great deal was the band, all in uniform, playing appropriate music to the day. Horses in the parade had their hooves painted green and over 50 members of the group participated.

At the Pinto Ranch

Flash! The Pinto Ranch bride-and-groom to-be are Jim Wheeler and Pat Shell. Best of luck from all of the Pinto Ranch people.

Rain or shine, wind or sun, many of our members can be seen busy grooming and caring for their horses. Some of the most faithful are Ethel Albert, Pearl Liebel and the Phillips'. Two of the new boarders are a beautiful bay stud, Cheyenne, and a chestnut quarter mare in foal to Golden Bomber. Cheyenne belongs to Jerry Hines while the mare is the property of Don Bentley.

Evalée Turner has been ill with appendicitis, but is now on her way to good health.

At the Private Stables

There is a handsome new saddlebred gelding at the Thompson stables. Three years old, he is attractively marked with four white feet and a blaze. He has been lunged and ridden once or twice in the ring and will be broken to drive this Spring. The Thompsons have not decided on just the proper name for him yet.

Hampton Ford has brought home the two-year-old filly he bought from Bucky Johnson. Shamrock, as she is named, has been out to pasture all winter. Hampton is also the new owner of a registered thoroughbred hunter, which is also in need of a suitable name. The hunter is brown with a white star and a little white on one fetlock.

With the Boots and Jeans

The Boots and Jeans social club held its semi-annual election of officers on February 17 with Norman (Whitey) Deuel named president. Other officers include Lee Pierce, secretary-treasurer; Dorothy Pierce, recording secretary; William Charette, Bobbye Stewart and Lillian Deuel, entertainment committee; Dutch Cummins, reporter; and ex-president Paul Brewer, chairman of the rules and by-laws committee.

The riding group had a busy February. The Square dance team was featured in two performances at the horse show and rodeo in Oakland. On February 26, rain and all, part of the group rode in the Red Cross parade in Alameda, winning first award. A beautiful trophy was presented to the Boots and Jeans by the queen of the parade, Miss Cummings and her two attendants. It was donated by Clarence Smith of Ole's Waffle shop, of Alameda.

Dutch Cummings' palomino mare, Blondie, foaled a nice chestnut filly on Washington's birthday. She is by Jack Tann's good Arabian stallion Rahaja, and will be named Rahanie.

With the Leona Riders

The following article was written by Elsie Mesquita as a preface for the Leona Riders' new book of by-laws. It is being published here to answer many questions concerning the riding group.

"Leona Stables was a friendly place, huddled close to the foothills of Oakland, and was protected from the harsh, cold winds. Her barns were white, her horses happy, and her boarders never without a smile. She was well established, for she offered her boarders' horses fine care, and the use of her large ring, her very well constructed hunter course, and easy access to the miles of equine trails that surrounded her.

"The boarders longing to make known her friendly well being, organized the Leona Riders. A group of horsemen and women boarders of the stable, along with owners and boarders of private stables within a radius of two miles comprised the membership.

"The clubhouse was always buzzing with enthusiasm after the weekly Friday night drill. There were moonlight riders, moonlight barbecues, bean feeds, dances, parties, something going on all of the first year and a half of her beginning.

"Suddenly news spread that she had been sold, was to be torn down to accommodate the hungry hands of realtors, contractors, and constructors. Horses and boarders moved south, east, north and west, throughout the East Bay and California. The Leona Riders, just newly organized, must divide with the thought echoing, "It was a good try". However, a few Leona boarders, along with the private boarders, both of good mind and strong back, refused to see this little club become a has-been.

"Working hard and steady, the present Leona Riders have made the club what it is today. The constitution has been revised and the junior members organized. It is

now possible for other horsemen, women and juniors, who are of good thoughts and interests, to become members of this strong willed group, who refuse to let the name of Leona Riders die."

At the last meeting of the Leona Riders plans were discussed for one or more horse shows to be given during the coming season. It is also probable that the parade group will decide on colorful Arabian costumes.

The business completed, an hour of movies from the University of California was enjoyed. Those shown were "The Horse in North America"; "Palomino, the Golden Horse", a new film featuring fox hounds and hunting, and "Bit and Bridle", a film of the livestock and horses of the first Grand National after the war. The evening was concluded with refreshments served by Jean and Lou Helms.

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May 7-8—Sacramento, Horse Show
May 8—Boonville, Horse Show & Sheep dog trials
May 13-15—Angels Camp, Rodeo
May 15—Marysville, Horse Show
May 15—Orland, Stampede
May 19-22—Chico, Rodeo—H. S.
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May 22—Tracy, Rodeo
May 22—Vallejo, Horse Show
May 22—Concord, Jr. Show
May 22—Woodside, Horse Show
May 27-30—Sonoma, H. Show & Rodeo
May 29—Palo Alto, Horse Show
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June 5—El Cajon, Horse Show
June 5—Berkeley, Horse Show
June 5—San Jose, Rodeo
June 5—Los Altos, Horse Show
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Highlight of the afternoon was a fine exhibition of Haute Ecole by Miss Cornelia Cress mounted on Indian. Attired in traditional costume of a rider from the Spanish School of Riding at Vienna during the reign of Franz Joseph; black tricorn, scarlet cut-away, flowered vest, white breeches and black boots, Miss Cress put Indian through the difficult movements of passage, changing leads in mid air, piaffer, pirouette all worked into a brilliant pattern performed to music, ending with the levade.

Results of the show were: Jumping Teams, with the rider from each team using the same horse; (1) Duffle Bag, ridden by Sylvia King and Ann Conwell; (2) Killarney, with Barbara Bangs and Joyce Moore, (3) Big Rock with Bud Bahnsen and Windy Smith, (4) Irish Bank, with Zoe Desloges and Linda Lorimer. Seat and Hands Over Jumps: (1) Juanita Gray, on Indian, representing Bidoons, (2) Big Rock, Bob McCarty. Road Hacks: (1) Sun Truder, Barbara Bechtel, (2) Ronair II, Virginia Abel, (3) Elko, Sylvia King and (4) Lorraine Harris on Charlan. Teams of Fours: (1) Bidoons, Barbara Gurley, Frieda Renner, Rose Kraft and Judy Benford; (2) Subalterns, Vandra and Wilda Rosendahl, Linda Lorimer, Karen Anderson; (3) Upson Downs, Virginia Abel, Margo Brewer, Mary Gale and Marilyn Smith; (4) Ladies' class: Betty LaBoyteaux, Marion Bothwell, Margaret Bolsius and Barbara LaBarthe.

Equitation: (1) Sun Truder, Barbara Bechtel; (2) Co-Ed Amber, Barbara Bangs; (3) Gunga Doon, Pat Gorie; (4) Ronair II, Virginia Abel. Pairs: (1) Virginia Abel and John Thiel riding Ronair II and Stonewall Jackson; (2) Mary Gale and Zoe Desloges riding Kyack and Noah; (3) Bud Bahnsen and Sylvia King on Rum Punch and Irish Bank.

During intermission cider and doughnuts were served participants and guests. The Spanish bullfighter brought forth many laughs over the antics of the bull and butcher.

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Neighborhood Ride At Umbrella April 24

Cressmount riders report such a good time at the recent Upson Downs gymkhana, with admission and refreshments free, that they have decided to invite neighborhood riders to join them in an informal matinee in the Umbrella Sunday, April 24 at 2 p.m.

The tentative program will include (1) Jumpers, open to riders 16 years of age and over with the jumps about 3'6" high; (2) Jumpers, riders 15 years of age and under; (3) Western Horses, pairs; (4) Pleasure Horses, English equipment; (5) Trail Horses, Western; (6) Road Hacks, pairs; (7) Teams of Four Riders, riders to represent an organized group.

Planned as a big surprise will be several events. Anyone interested is invited to contact Lorraine Harris, Sweetwood 8-5809, and entries are requested prior to April 15. Entry fees will be \$2.00 for jumpers and \$1.50 for other classes.

The committee is comprised of presidents of the three riding groups, Betty Yaw, of the Bit and Spur; Pat Brandes, Shongehon, and Win Johnson, Upson Downs; Lorraine Harris, chairman of the day; Juanita Gray, Judy Benford, Julie Laub, J. P. Petersen, Rose Kraft, Barbara Gurley, Hale Prebbel and E. J. Ferrell.

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The Bit & Spur's Virginia Reel won much favorable comment, and bouquets to Paul Brewer for his fine job of calling the figures of the dance. The riders put their horses through difficult maneuvers without missing a beat. Ring Steward, Willis Nuttall, did a fine job of setting up jumping courses with his ring crew in record time. Mark Rice of Rice & Lewis presented Shongehon with a lovely trophy, Frank Colbourn a trophy to Bit & Spur for their Virginia Reel.

Results of the hunter and jumper classes were: Friday evening: Jumpers: Open: Rum Punch ridden by Mary Lou Hutton. Matinee: Jumpers, Closed—Big Rock ridden by J. Windrim Smith, Jr. Night: Ladies' Hunters: Idiot's Delight ridden by Norma Burton. Sunday Matinee: Ladies' Hunters, Idiot's Delight owned and ridden by Norma Burton. Sunday Night: Knock Down And Out—Burma Road owned and ridden by Sylvia King. Monday Night: Teams of Working Hunters: (1) Ronair II owned by Betty LaBoyteaux and ridden by Mary L. Hutton; Duffle Bag owned by Cornelia Cress and ridden by Pat Brandes, and Foggy Morn, owned by Ethel Kartholl and ridden by Carol Blanch. Tuesday Matinee: Jumpers: Closed—won by Killarney owned by Cornelia Cress ridden by Joyce Moore. Tuesday Night: The Hands: first place to Rum Punch, owned by Cornelia Cress with Mary Lou Hutton up. Wednesday Night: Ladies' Hunters won by Ronair II, ridden by Mary Lou Hutton. Knock Down and Out won by Rum Punch with Mary Lou Hutton up. Teams of Hunters again won by same team as above mentioned.

Jumpers: Non-winners to Foggy Morn ridden by Carol Blanch. Saturday Night: Open Jumpers to Rum Punch with Mary Lou Hutton up. Children's Jumpers won by Irish Bank with Linda Lorimer up. High score winner on Saturday Night was Rum Punch, and Reserve Champion was News Boy, owned by Marge Preisser. Sunday Night's champion was Idiot's Delight, and Reserve Champion was Inherit's Rumpus owned by Marge Preisser.

Bit and Spur Club to Sponsor Horse Show

Members of the Bit and Spur Riding club, of Mills college, are sponsoring an Intercollegiate Horse show on Sunday, May 8.

Planned to give members of organized riding groups at the various colleges a first opportunity to meet and compete on horseback, the club is expected to attract representatives from San Francisco Junior College, Dominican College, San Jose State, University of California, San Rafael Junior College, Stanford, Menlo Junior College and others.

A horse show luncheon is planned for participants before the matinee program, which will get underway at 2 p.m. Ribbons and trophies will be awarded and certain proceeds will be given to the World Student Service fund. The show is to be managed and directed by Cornelia Cress and Mary Lou Hutton.

Members of the committee include Charlotte Baldwin, Betty Black, Zoe Desloge, Evelyn Locke, Lucy Fiske, Barbara Lang, Robin Norton and Betty Yaw, the latter president of the Bit and Spur club.

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Portable Bleachers

"For this year's show, as I have said, the arena will be graded and fenced, there will be available portable bleachers with a seating capacity of 4,000 and we plan to turf the infield. Surfacing of the arena will have to wait until another year," he concluded.

Heber Brown proposed that the M.H.A. adopt a resolution letting Mr. Mott know that he had the backing of the entire membership of M.H.A.

Reports From Chairmen

Jim Myers, president, called for reports from the various chairmen.

Heber Brown, membership, reported 225 adults paid up for 1949 and 67 juniors; Clarence Simons, activities chairman, announced plans for the western dance to be held at the Tourist club April 23 and for the trail ride on May 15; A. B. Graham, trails, advocated that money be spent on public property which will benefit more people.

Willis Pray, treasurer, explained to the members that there are only two sources of revenues, dues and trail donations. To date there is \$220 in the trail fund and \$573 from dues.

Junior chairman, Kay Walling, told of the proposed junior program and introduced the newly elected junior officers. Ted Dreyer, horse show chairman, introduced George Walling as manager for the '49 show who, in turn, outlined briefly his organization of the executive committee with directors heading each group.

Horse Show Parade

Don Schwimley, chairman of the wild west show, told of plans whereby M.H.A. will participate in the breakfast preceding the show which will be held in August or September. He also announced that the horse show parade will be held the Thursday prior to the show in June.

Ed Carey reported that public relations were "progressing", and Fred E. Anderson, vice-president of region 5, told of the board meeting in Los Angeles and plans for the gymkhana events at the state convention.

Mrs. Paul To Handle Publicity

Mr. Myers announced that Blanche Paul would handle publicity for the horse show. Charles W. Gray, newly elected member of the board of directors was introduced.

At the suggestion of Sydney V. Chown and seconded by Heber Brown, the meeting was adjourned in honor of the late I. L. Borden, one of the state's great horsemen whose death occurred recently in San Francisco. Mr. Borden dedicated part of Victoria Island for the Borden highway and at the time of his death had 60 horses in training at the Stockton race track.

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June of 1947 saw the second Diablo trail ride and in August of the same year a small, but well organized, horse show was put on entirely by the club members.

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The ground work for the 1949 trail ride is already laid as well as tentative plans for numerous other activities.

The 1949 officers of the El Caballo Volante Horsemen's association include Sandra Logue, president; Marlene Davis, vice president; Bobbie Larson, secretary-treasurer; Aloho Saunders, ride chairman, and Duane Lockhart, publicity manager.

Attention Junior Horsemen: Watch for the date of the 1949 Diablo Valley Trail Ride. You will find it in the next issue of the Trail Blazer.

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A letter to your State Senator is equally important: Try to get them both out immediately. A list of the assemblymen and their addresses is attached. This information was obtained over the telephone, long distance to Contra Costa County, and I believe it is correct.

"At this critical moment, California State Horsemen's Association wish to express their plea that you exert every possible effort to strike out the threatened cut in the budget from \$185,000 to \$57,000 for Division of Beaches and Parks. This money was formerly promised for the purpose of establishing a State Hiking and Riding Trail, and originated in the oil tidelands, a natural resource; and should definitely be returned to natural resources through the development of these trails.

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